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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant
PFIZER JAPAN, INC. ✓

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
PCT/B2005/000173

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 10,11

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10,11 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos.

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See separate sheet for further details

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-11
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-9
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application No.

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Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

Claims 10 and 11 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

V-1. State of the art:

The following documents have been cited:

- D1: WO 03/057688 A (PFIZER PHARMACEUTICALS INC; UCHIDA, CHIKARA; MIHARA, SACHIKO; MORITA,) 17 July 2003 (2003-07-17)
- D2: WO 99/02494 A (JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA N.V; BOSMANS, JEAN-PAUL, RENE, MARIE, ANDRE; DE) 21 January 1999 (1999-01-21)
- D3: WO 94/07859 A (SMITHKLINE BEECHAM PLC) 14 April 1994 (1994-04-14)

V-2. Novelty (Art. 33(2) PCT):

The claims differ from D1 in the replacement of the 6-amino group by alkyl. D2 discloses phenyl instead of pyridine derivatives and the pyridines disclosed in D3 (see compounds (I-1) of claim 1) are not N-methylated.

V-3. Inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT)

D1 can be seen as closest state of the art since it also deals with N-alkylated 2-

oxopyridine-3-carboxamides and their use as 5-HT₄ modulators. The problem to be solved was to find compounds which show stronger agonistic activities and better membrane permeability (cf. page 2 of the description).

This problem has been solved by replacing the 6-amino group by alkyl groups and by introducing an isopropyl group at the pyridine nitrogen atom. Comparative tests in the description (page 23ff) show that this problem has in fact been solved.

The solution is not considered obvious for a man skilled in the art. Neither D2 nor D3 disclose N-alkylated pyridines or phenyl rings having an isopropyl substituent at the respective position nor do they suggest that such compounds or compounds with 6-alkyl instead of amino groups would have improved properties.

The claims fulfil thus Art. 33(3) PCT).